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Division of Historic Preservation
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**RE: STB Docket No. AB-383 Sub-No. 5X
Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Co.,
Abandonment Exemption**

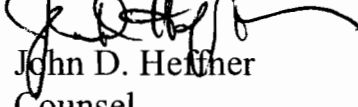
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in connection with the above-captioned abandonment petition that I filed with the federal Surface Transportation Board on April 19, 2007. On March 9, 2007, I wrote your office to advise that applicant Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Co. ("WSOR") would be filing a request with the Board to abandon this rail line known as the Nut Line between milepost 94.35 just east of N. 24th Street and milepost 96.76, just west of N. Richards Street in the cities of Milwaukee and Glendale, Milwaukee County, WI, a distance of 2.41 miles. I submitted a draft version of WSOR's Environmental and Historic Report with that letter. For your reference, I am enclosing another copy of that letter.

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis has asked me to advise you whether the line contains any historic structures that are at least 50 years old or older. While the line has one structure, a bridge over West Capital Drive that is more than 50 years, WSOR does not believe it to be historic. Nevertheless, I am enclosing with this letter a series of color pictures of that structure.

Please contact me if you have any other questions.

Sincerely yours,



John D. Heffner

Counsel

cc: Mr. David Navecky (SEA)
Mr. Tim Karp (WSOR)

Enclosures

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Re: STB Docket No. AB-383 Sub-No.5X
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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to advise you that Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Co. ("Applicant") proposes to abandon a rail line known as the Nut Line between milepost 94.35 just east of N. 24th Street, and milepost 96.76 just west of N. Richards Street in the cities of Milwaukee and Glendale, Milwaukee County, WI, a distance of 2.41 miles. On or about April 1, 2007, Applicant will seek Surface Transportation Board ("STB") authorization to accomplish the proposed abandonment by filing an individual petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502. This line traverses US postal service zip codes 53209 and 53212.

Enclosed is a draft Environmental and Historic Report ("EHR"), a document which Applicant must complete and file with the STB as a component of its abandonment filing. The draft EHR explains in greater detail the scope of the proposed rail line abandonment, including a more particular description of the rail line in question. We have also enclosed a map which should assist in your review of the environmental and/or historic impacts (if any) that may arise as a consequence of the abandonment or salvage of the rail structure on this line.

In connection with this abandonment, Applicant is required by the STB's regulations (at 49 C.F.R. 1105) to prepare as part of its Application an Environmental and Historic Report addressing the following issues:

- (I) Are sites or structures listed in the National Register of Historic Places affected? If so, describe the effects.

To the best of Applicant's knowledge, no site or structures listed in the National Register of Historic Places will be affected.

- (ii) Will sites or structures 50 years old or older be affected? If so, and such sites or structures are not listed in the National Register of Historic Places, Applicant would submit, at the earliest possible juncture, a description of the line, including a map, as well as photographs and descriptions of such structures to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Office for review and include a copy of the cover letter in the Environmental and Historic Report.

Applicant is compiling a list of all structures on the line that are 50 years old or older and will supplement this report and forward a map of the line depicting the location of the structures and color pictures of said structures as soon as they are available.

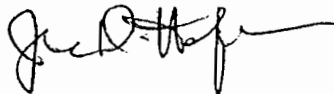
- (iii) Will culturally significant locations, archaeological sites, or unique land forms be affected? If so, applicant should consult with the involved State Historic Preservation Office.

To the best of Applicant's knowledge, no culturally significant locations, archaeological sites, or unique land forms will be affected.

A copy of the draft report is enclosed for your review.

We appreciate your cooperation. If you have any questions regarding the enclosed materials, please contact me at the address and phone number at the top of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Heffner", with a stylized flourish at the end.

John D. Heffner